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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LEBANESE SUPPLY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 7537 (B) STATE 276044

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO AG ATTACHE PITCHER WHO  
WAS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IN LONDON, BUT WAS NOT  
RECEIVED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO DAMASCUS.

2. QUOTE. AG ATTACHE ASSISTANT KIZIRIAN WHEN VISITING LEBANON  
DEC 2 WAS REQUESTED VERBALLY BY LEBANON BOARD OF SUPPLY PRESIDENT  
(ELIE TOUMA) TO URGE AG ATTACHE TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE USDA  
AGENCIES TO INTRODUCE MESSRS ELIE TOUMA AND ALEXANDRE GEMAYEL  
RESPECTIVELY PRESIDENT AND MEMBER BAORD OF SUPPLY. UNDERSTAND  
BOTH ARE MANDATED BY LEBANESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESIDENT CAMILLE CHAMOUN TO NEGOTIATE WITH  
EC AND US AUTHORITIES FOR IMPORTING FOOD COMMODITIES UNDER  
CONCESSIONAL TERMS AND OR DONATIONS. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO LEAVE  
FOR EUROPE DEC 5 AND TRAVEL TO THE US AFTER THREE OR FOUR DAYS.  
GUIDANCE: MESSRG TOUMA AND GEMAYEL PLAN TO VISIT DR. WILLIAM  
HORBALY FOR ASSISTANCE IN WASHINGTON. THEY ARE INTERESTED MAINLY  
IN WHEAT, WHEAT FLOUR, RICE, FEEDGRAINS, (YELLOW CORN), AND  
POSSIBLE VEGOILS. SUPPLY BOARD CLAIMS TO BE NOW SUPPLYING  
ALL ZONES OF LEBANON INCLUDING THE WESTERN ZONE AND BEKAA.  
OR AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 2.5 MILLION. UNQUOTE.

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3. IN THAT PITCHER HAS NOT BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH TOUMA

SINCE NOV 2 TELCON MENTIONED REF (A), WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE  
GUIDANCE TO TOUMA GIVEN REF (B) IN CASE LATTER WAS NOT OBTAINED  
DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS. STATUS OF DELEGATION UNKNOWN NOW THAT  
NEW LEBANESE GOVERNMENT FORMED, BUT SHOULD THIS COME INTO QUESTION  
PRESUMABLY SUPPLY BOARDS CREDENTIAL SCAN BE REVALIDATED THROUGH  
LEBANESE EMBASSY/W.  
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